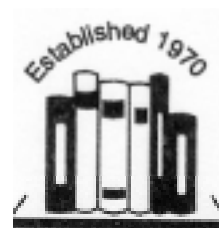


FRIENDS

of the Chesterfield County Public Library



Bon Air Central Chester Clover Hill Enon Ettrick/Matoaca LaPrade Meadowdale Midlothian

Spring, 2004

Network News

Ukrops Golden Gifts

Have you been shopping at Ukrops with your UVC card? The Golden Gift program ends March 27. Watch the mail in May when you will receive your certificate. Bring the certificate to your local branch library by June 1. In last year's successful campaign, Friends earned a total of \$3,783 for the library.

Big book sales

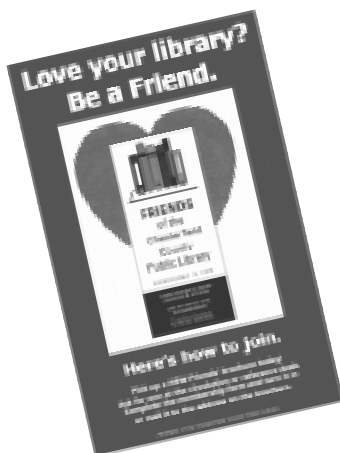
The Central Library Friends will sponsor a book sale on Friday, April 2, 2-6 p.m. and Saturday, April 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Friends members receive a discount. The LaPrade Library Friends also sponsored a book sale on Saturday, March 13.

FOL membership drive

It's blue and purple, describes the work of the Chesterfield County Friends of the Library, and can be found at each branch library. It's the newly designed membership brochure, which includes a membership application, and is featured in the middle of the poster above right. The official kick-off for the campaign was February 14. Memberships run from September to September, so if you rejoin, or your friends join now, you will receive an extra few months of Friends membership for free.

Publication information

The FOL newsletter will be published 3 times in 2004, on March 15, July 15, October 15 and then, January 15, 2005. Please send information to Sunny Reed, editor, by the first of each month at P.O. Box 4842, Midlothian, VA 23112, or email reedfriends@yahoo.com



Friends growing and changing

Along with your jonquils and forsythia, the Friends of the Library is blooming. The group has been feeling the effects of the spring season since last fall, in spite of rain, snow, sleet, and Isabel.

In the fall, Friends President Kathy Geranios asked all board members to work collaboratively with the library administrative staff to effect change in the image and operations of both organizations. The Friends brought new copy machines to each branch in the fall. And the board has worked diligently through the past three seasons to put the library before the community and to enhance programming. The Friends are a vital part of the library administration's Strategic Plan and are rising to the challenge.

As a first step the President asked members of the board to fill new positions and she recruited new members with expertise and experience in finance and publications, among other fields. The Friends kicked off a membership and recognition campaign with a "Love Your Library" poster placed in all locations on Valentine's Day, along with a newly designed brochure for attracting new members to Friends activities.

Following discussions with Library Director Mike Mabe, Customer Service Director Carolyn Slagle (also the staff liaison for the Friends), and Program Director Janet Baumgartner, the Friends developed their own strategic goals for the next three years in collaboration with the library staff. Friends will focus on library services including determining and initiating programming and services, development of programming and collection ties, membership development and fundraising, and financial support for promotional materials for the library.

Plan to attend the FOL Annual Meeting on Monday May 10, at the Central Library. A reception is scheduled for 6:30 to 7 p.m. A panel discussion about non-fiction writing will feature Muriel Miller Branch, author of non-fiction for children; Stacy Hawkins Adams, columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, who will discuss spiritual non-fiction writing; and Dr. Nancy Parrish, author and James River English Department Chair, who will emphasize literary criticism and non-fiction writing for adults. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. with a brief business session followed by the panel.



Loretta Braxton, volunteer extraordinaire

Serving as president of the Friends of the Matoaca-Ettrick Library for many years and treasurer of the organization's board of directors, Dr. Loretta M. Braxton is a remarkable volunteer. She was inducted into the Chesterfield Senior Volunteer Hall of Fame on Oct. 23, in recognition of the generous time and talent she offers to this community. Dr. Braxton is a retired mathematics professor from Virginia State University.

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The Friends of the Library Board
meets
on the second Monday
of each month
(except June, July and December)
7—9 p.m.
at the Central Library.

President's Message:



As President of the Friends of the Chesterfield County Public Library, I look forward to continuing the mission that was begun last summer.

The summer and fall's hard work of organizing, researching, planning, conferencing, creating, and problem-solving is paying off. Thank you to all—to the Friends Officers, the Friends Board of Directors, the branch leaders, the Library Director and staff, and Friends supporters—for your tremendous part in bringing us through a difficult, yet pivotal period.

Changes in leadership of the Friends have coincided with changes in the directorship of CCPL. Mike Mabe included the Friends in the CCPL Strategic

Plan, which gives us the opportunity to be involved with substantive work to promote and support our libraries, as well as strengthen the Friends.

I am honored to be President and have volunteered my time alongside talented Chesterfield citizens of the highest caliber who comprise the Friends Board and branch leaders. For the past three quarters, we earned over 1,500 hours of volunteer service for Chesterfield's libraries, EACH quarter!

I would like to express my gratitude to the Friends for sponsoring my attendance at the Virginia Library Association and Virginia Association of Law Libraries Joint Conference, held in November at The Homestead in Hot Springs, VA. The experience impacts my presidency positively.

This has been a year of transition, and the Friends will continue with the same fervor our late president Mary Ann Harmon exhibited.. Together we will accomplish much for our libraries.

Kathryn Helen Geranios

FYI: Kathy Geranios was recently selected for inclusion in the eighth edition of *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, 2004. Congratulations!



Step to the Beat...READ!

The Summer Reading Program 2004 starts off on a strong note on June 21 and will continue throughout the summer. Two programs are already scheduled for children: C-Shells will perform using several instruments including guitar. The repertoire includes traditional and original songs, and they encourage children and adults to participate in their performance

In July, Peter McCrory, a real one-man band, will perform in all libraries. McCrory is from Virginia but has never performed before in this area.

The Teen Reading Club or "Rock and READ!" begins as soon as school is out too! The theme of the Adult Reading Club is "The Beat Goes On." Participants will receive a bookmark/reading log which they can keep for future reference.

2003 Summer Reading clubs hit big numbers

According to Janet Baumgardner, Programs Director for the CCPL, the summer reading programs for 2003 were exceptionally well attended. In the "Wolfen'Down Books" program, 9,536 children and 2,146 teens, or a total of 11,682 children participated. Five books per week were given away at each branch location as reading incentives for various reading categories. In addition, 1,555 adults entered the summer reading club, "Still Reading After all these Years."

The Friends also sponsored "Rumplestiltskin" by Stevens Puppets for about 1,500 children and adults. The Bon Air Friends sponsored "Betsy Q," an immensely popular sing-along of old favorite and new songs, and more than 1,300 children and adults attended.

News and notes

Scholarship presented

Rosa Hornsby received the Mary Ann Harmon Scholarship on Friday, Oct. 3, 2003, as a part of the James River Writers Festival at Virginia Commonwealth University. Ms. Hornsby is from Tampa, Florida. Louise Ackerson, Bon Air Leader, proposed the scholarship last spring. Muriel Miller Branch made arrangements for the presentation.

Fundraisers for Friends

News to note: There will be a FOL-Chesterfield Book Fair at Barnes and Noble the weekend of June 12-13, opening to closing store hours. Store locations will be announced at the Annual Meeting in May. Professional storyteller Pam Bomboy will present stories for children and families.

In addition to the income from public copiers in each branch library, Friends raise money in many other ways. The monies benefit all Chesterfield public libraries.

—The Friends of the Library contributed \$242,252.69 worth of Ukrops Golden Gift Receipts, which earned the Friends \$3,783 in the 2003 program. This year's program is underway, ending March 27. Ukrops shoppers will receive a receipt in a May mailing. Each branch library will be collecting the receipts.

—Many people found the 2004 Book Lover's Calendars to be the perfect holiday gift, as the calendars sold out quickly. The calendar offers 365 days of good reading with each day featuring a lively review and suggestions for further reading.

—Friends Board members raised money during the holidays by gift wrapping books and gifts at the Barnes and Noble Stores at Commonwealth Center and on Huguenot Road. The Friends who participated in this activity felt it increased the Friends' visibility, and they plan to continue the effort next holiday season.

—Ongoing and special book sales continue to bring in funds at each branch library.

Getting to know FOL Board Members

Andrea Brown, 1st Vice President, Programs



Andrea is a professional librarian, having filled positions in academic, school, special, and public libraries. She is currently library manager with the County of Henrico Public Library. She has lived in Chesterfield since 1984, moving here with her husband and two sons from Raleigh. Andrea is often in contact with the CCPL staff to plan programs and also serves as Parliamentarian for the FOL Board. She is the leader of the LaPrade Library Friends too. She enjoys gardening, shopping for pottery and Star Trek items, as well as reading!

Sheila Callear, 5th Vice President, Public Relations



Sheila's love of books and commitment at a young age to volunteering brought her to involvement in the Friends. Enthusiastic Friends urged her to join at a book sale at the Central Library more than 15 years ago, and her motto, "Once a Friend, always a Friend," has continued. She is Leader of the Central Friends and is busy working on their book sale now. She is the Coordinator of Consumer Promotion at Alcoa and a proud grandmother of two grandchildren. She and her husband are avid boaters and enjoy exploring the James River.

***The Friends
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dedicate this newsletter
in memory of
Mary Ann Harmon***

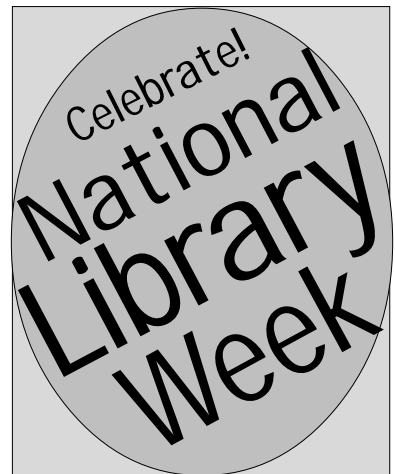
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New Konica 7022 Digital Copiers with automatic document feed, double-sided copying, and a new coin operated access unit which will accept bills as well as coins, are in place in every branch library.

The FOL Board negotiated the contract with Virginia Business Systems. The FOL has the responsibility of managing the copiers for public use, and the proceeds benefit the libraries.

The result is new efficient machines with markedly improved copies and change makers for patrons.

The copiers are said to be two pages per minute faster than the previous models!



April 18-24

**Look for exciting events
at your library**

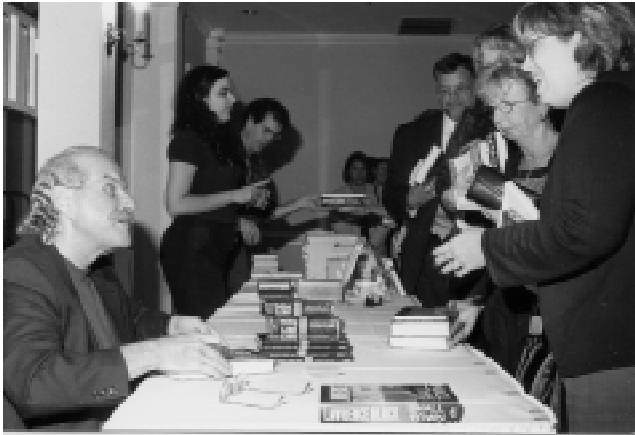
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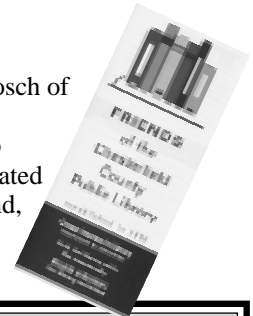
Author Lawrence Block chats with Chester Friend Sandra Sisisky and others while signing his books.

Book & Author Dinner plans underway

The Clover Hill Friends of the Library are planning another Book and Author Dinner in the fall, following the success of the dinner in past years. Cherie Heintz will co-chair the event with Shirley Seaborn and Sandra Sisisky from the Friends County Board. The dinner at Brandermill Country Club last September featured author Lawrence Block, one of the masters of mystery writing and winner of many awards.

True Friend

A special thanks to Brian Losch of Worth Higgins & Associates Inc. for printing the new Friends membership brochure gratis. Worth Higgins is located at 8770 Park Central Drive, Richmond, 23227, 264-2304



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Annual Meeting
Monday, May 10, Central Library
6:30 p.m. Reception
7 p.m. Meeting & Program***

Writing Non-Fiction

***Muriel Miller Branch
Stacy Hawkins Adams
Dr. Nancy Parrish
Panel moderator: Bonnie Mahayni***